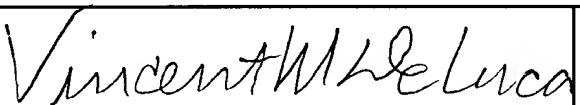


REMARKS

Claims 3, 7-14, 16 and 17 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 15 have been cancelled, and claims 16 and 17 have been amended to be independent in form. Further reconsideration of this application is requested.

In response to the allowance of claims 3 and 7-14 and the indication that claims 16 and 17 are directed to allowable subject matter, applicant has cancelled all rejected claims without disclaimer or prejudice, and has rewritten claims 16 and 17 to be independent in form. Accordingly, this application is submitted to be in condition for immediate allowance, and applicant would appreciate receiving a Notice of Allowance as soon as possible.

Any fees required in connection with this response may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

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